

April 25, 1983

LB 336, 388, 395,
604, 615

SENATOR CLARK: 388 is advanced. Now we will go to 336.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may right before that, Appropriations whose Chairman is Senator Warner reports 615 advanced to General File with committee amendments attached. Senator Carsten would move to place LB 604 on General File notwithstanding the action of the committee.

And Senator Carsten would like to print amendments to LB 395 in the Legislative Journal. (See pages 1715-1720.)

Mr. President, LB 366 (sic) (336) was offered by Senator DeCamp, Kilgarin and Pappas. (Read title). The bill was first read on January 17, referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. Committee amendments were adopted on April 19, Mr. President, of this year. There was an amendment by Senator Hefner that was adopted to the bill. There was a second amendment by Senator Hefner that was adopted to the bill. There was then made a motion by Senator Howard Peterson to indefinitely postpone. That laid the bill over. I now have pending, Mr. President, the motion to indefinitely postpone offered by Senator Peterson.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have passed out to the members of the Legislature copies from at least two of our state papers indicating that they, too, feel the lottery is a bad deal and it is not the right time for us to be doing this. I particularly want to stand today and say that I am opposed to the lottery, number one, and, number two, I think we are making a mistake by trying to put into effect a lottery bill when we already have passed LR 10 to give the people the opportunity to vote on lottery. LR 10 has passed the first reading. It is on second reading. I do not oppose and never have opposed the people of this state having the right to vote and I think it is the right procedure but I think we are making an extreme mistake if we go forward now with trying to pass LR...LB 336. I think further than that I would want to say I would like to quote just briefly from a letter that I got from two different families in Kearney, Nebraska, that I believe says this about as well as anyone can say it. And this is what it says, "This is one more plea to save our state from selling out to the gambling interest through LB 336. The argument that we are already having lotteries in the cities, so why not make it statewide is as valid as saying we already have stealings so let's regulate it and tax every steal or we already have murders so let's legalize it and tax it. The argument that it will bring